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Price Of Rice Reduced

The Rice Controller announces that as from May 18 the retail price of ration rice will be reduced from 44 cents to 40 cents per catty.

This has been made possible by arrangements whereby Hong Kong has received a larger proportion of its international allocation than expected from the cheaper sources.

It is not possible to forecast how long this price can be maintained as allocations for the second half of the year have not yet been decided, but with stocks on hand and en route there should be no difficulty in maintaining it for at least four months.

As from the same date, the rice ration will be temporarily increased from 1½ to 1¾ catties per five-day period and the flour ration correspondingly reduced from 1 to ¾ catty per period.

On the basis of current stocks and shipments, it is estimated that the rice ration can be kept at this level for a minimum period of three months. Thereafter the ration will depend on the future allocations by the International Emergency Food Council.

Wang Ching-wei's Approach To Japs

Tokyo, May 15. The late Wang Ching-wei, president of China under Japanese occupation, proposed the establishment of a new Chinese Government with himself as the head in a conversation with the Premier, Baron Kichiro Hiranuma, on June 10, 1938, a Japanese witness told the International Military Tribunal for the Far East here today.

Wang's conversations with key Japanese leaders, including Hiranuma, and the then War Minister, Seishiro Itagaki, both among the defendants on trial on war crimes charges, were related by Tozo Shimizu, an interpreter for the Japanese Foreign Office, who was called from China especially for the occasion.

Shimizu said that Wang—who fled to Japan after several attempts were made on his life in China and died near Nagoya in 1944—told Hiranuma that Japan had three alternatives in settling the war with China.

Firstly, break off negotiations with Chiang Kai-shek and deal with the "intelligent people out of office." Secondly, negotiate directly with Chiang Kai-shek. Thirdly, deal "with all people of every quarters who want peace between China and Japan, regardless of whether they are members of the Nationalist Government or non-government men, and irrespective of party or group."

Mediation Offer

In the event of the first being approved, Shimizu quoted Wang as saying, Wang would not be able to make a public stand but would help "behind the scenes." In the second case, Wang offered to mediate between Chiang and the Japanese. "And if the third measure is adopted, I should like to directly embark into a peace movement myself and become its central figure."

Shimizu quoted Hiranuma as encouraging Wang but remarking "This is a problem for China." He said Itagaki approved the establishment of a new government by Wang and they discussed the use of a flag similar to that of the Nationalists but with "Peace and Anti-Communism" inscribed on it. He said Wang also interviewed the late Prince Fumimaro Konoye, a suicide

STUDENTS STORM MINISTRY Disorderly Scenes At Education Yuan In Nanking Shanghai Strike Spreading

Nanking, May 15. More than 3,000 striking students of Government universities, as a result of an eight-hour demonstration today, during which cries of "why not stop the civil war" were raised, won an assurance from the Vice-Premier, Mr. Wang Yun-wu, that their demands for an increased subsidy will be brought before the Executive Yuan at its next meeting.

Arriving at the Yuan, where they pasted slogans and cartoons on the walls, the students shouted for Premier Chang Chun and at first refused to accept the vice-premier as his representative. When Mr. Wang finally addressed them, he stated, firstly that he will be personally responsible for presenting their demands to the Executive Yuan at its session next Tuesday.

Secondly, he will recommend and personally support arrangements for granting the students a half-month advance of living allowance which will amount to

CN\$24,000 and one picul of rice.

Funds used in the Central University mess for the purchase of supplementary rations were exhausted yesterday and beginning today, the students went on a diet consisting only of rice. When the students shouted that the word of the government officials could not be trusted and insisted that the vice-premier sign a statement embodying his two promises, Mr. Wang Yun-wu walked out.

The students refused to leave the Executive Yuan, sitting on the pavements before the building for the entire afternoon while their leaders negotiated with government officials. Vice-Premier Wang appeared before them for the second time and reported that he could make no further concessions.

Doors Broken

The demonstration then dispersed after scheduling a meeting for tonight to decide on the students' next move—whether or not they will continue their strike until the Executive Yuan meets.

Earlier in the day, the striking students stormed into the Ministry of Education building after breaking the glass doors at the entrance with their bare fists.

The Minister of Education, Dr. Chu Chia-hua, addressed the students for 50 minutes but failed to meet their demands. The students, who were from the National Central University, the National College of Dramatic Arts, the National Institute of Music and the College of Oriental Languages, carried banners; one written with a line from a Tang dynasty poem, which read: "From the gate of wealthy families wafts the heavy odour of (wasted) meat and wine; on the road before

after the war ended, on again establishing the Principles of Dr. Sun Yat-sen in China under Wang.

Shimizu said Konoye as well as other Japanese assured Wang Japan had no intention of monopolizing Chinese economy Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

A moderate anticyclone covers Japan and the seas to the eastward, with a ridge of high pressure extending to the East Sea and N. Luzon. Pressure remains low over N. China. A depression is stationary over the Gulf of Tonkin. The Pacific depression appears to be situated to the S. of the Bonins, moving N or NE.

Today's Forecast: Moderate S and S.W. winds. Cloudy, showers; warm.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 28.1 deg. Fahrenheit. Minimum: 23.3 deg. Fahrenheit. Rainfall: 0.5 inch. Total since Jan. 1—22.6 inches. Sea level on average of 42.57 mm.

Headlines at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

Baro. at sea level 1010.6 1008.4 m.b.

Equal 29.84 29.78 inches.

Rel. Humidity 97 98 77

Dew Point 74 76 deg. F.

Wind Direction 15 by N E

Wind Force 13 15 knots.

(Answer in Page Ten)

SHANGHAI BUDGET DEFICIT

Shanghai, May 15. The City Government announced today that the Municipality is facing a deficit of CN\$9,200,000,000 (nearly US\$500,000 at blackmarket rate) in the budget of the current fiscal year.

Due to Government approval in an 85 per cent increase in salaries of civil servants. This follows the decision of the City Council in reducing the budget from CN\$500,000,000 to CN\$240,000,000,000.

—Associated Press.

Shanghai Ready For Trouble

Shanghai, May 15. Drastic measures to quell mob disturbances in Shanghai were adopted at an important meeting attended by officers of the Garrison Commander Headquarters, the Police Chief and top ranking officers of the Army, Navy and Air force detachments stationed in the city.

While details were not disclosed, it was believed that the authorities were prepared to proclaim martial law and ready to move mobile task forces to curb any fresh student and labour demonstration as well as rice riots.

It was reported that the police force has assigned a small but strong motorized unit to tackle any serious disturbances, including possible Communist raids.

While the city at present is quiet, minor strikes among students are going on and tension prevailed due to the unfavourable reaction among workers and employees whose basic pay is above CN\$30.

Almost all Chinese papers this morning editorially appealed to the educational authorities and student groups to avoid drastic steps and to help maintain peace and order.—United Press.

Irgun Blows Up Trains

Jerusalem, May 15. Mines planted by the Jewish underground wrecked two Palestine trains today, killed two British officers, injured five others, damaged three bridges and disrupted transportation in the Holy Land.

Unexploded mines were discovered on railroads in the Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv areas, officials said, and the same sources said a large scale attack on the Palestine rail line had been timed on the assumption the U.N. Assembly on Palestine would end last night. If such was the case, these sources said, the train bombings may be the forerunner of renewed large-scale violence here.

The two British officers perished when a mine exploded as a bomb disposal squad was trying to deal with it on a track near Acre, scene of the mass prison break 10 days ago. Two other officers and a sapper were injured, one of them seriously.

—Associated Press.

Army Camp Bombed

Jerusalem, May 15. Jewish extremists today hurled bombs into heavily-guarded Sarafand military base, east of Tel-Aviv, seriously wounding two British soldiers attending an open-air movie.

At the same time, anti-personnel mines exploded along the Haifa-Tel-Aviv road as extremists launched a new series of attacks in the triangle bounded by Haifa, Sarafand and Peta-Tiqa.

Official reports said two Jews were seized, with a "large" amount of arms and ammunition, including Sten guns and explosives, in South Haifa. Guards around Sarafand base were unaware that extremists had penetrated the defence perimeter until the bombs exploded.

The official report said the extremists wore uniforms.—United Press.

TYPHOON HEADS NORTH

Manila, May 15. The Fleet Weather Centre, operated by the U.S. Navy, reported today that a typhoon passed directly over Iwojima at 0800 (Local Time) with winds up to 72 miles per hour.

The storm, which first was reported 750 east of Manila, was moving north-northeast, but slowly dissipating, and probably will not reach Japan.

—Associated Press.

Wallace's Formula For Peace

New York, May 15. Mr. Henry Wallace, former Vice President, advocated today that a world reconstruction programme "underwritten by American resources and administered by the United Nations" be substituted for the Truman Doctrine of "arming anti-Soviet Governments."

Mr. Wallace wrote in the New Republic, of which he is editor, that a positive peace programme consists in mobilizing all constructive ability of the world to restore devastated areas and to develop backward areas on a long-time basis.

"Peace by this road will not come cheaply, but it is cheaper than sinking American assets in a worldwide maze of Maginot Lines," Mr. Wallace wrote. "The time has come to approach the needs of the world from the standpoint of all humanity."

He said that over \$150,000,000,000 will be needed over the next 10 years to provide the world with capital, for reconstruction and development.

Mr. Wallace said of the \$150,000,000,000 "about one-third is needed for Europe." He added: "About half of the total will be raised locally but America must supply the major portion of the capital imports of overseas nations because America, with close to 40 per cent of the world's productive capacity, is the only nation with the resources to spare for investment abroad."

He said that restoration of new living standards in Europe and Asia will require capital exports from America of \$5,000,000,000 annually for five years. He added that American capital exports of \$100,000,000,000, spent "over a generation," would be required to raise the living standards of 1,000,000,000 people of Asia to Western European levels.

"This is the nature of the economic objectives that a world bent on peace must face," Mr. Wallace said, and suggested the best way to finance the funds would be through the International Bank which would receive recommendations from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

Mr. Wallace added: "Russia is a member of that commission and it is to be hoped that its delegate will modify his position that only the needs of invaded countries should be considered appropriate for international assistance."—United Press.

REPARATIONS FOR H.K.

Industrial plant and equipment valued at many thousands of pounds is expected to be delivered to Hong Kong from Japan within the next few months as part of the United Kingdom's reparation claim from that country.

The plant consists of laboratory equipment, machine tools, shipbuilding plant, thermal electric power plants, and certain chemical and heavy engineering plant. It will be sold here through the Government's Reparation Section according to the priority needs of local claimants at prices based on the present second-hand value of those materials. Proceeds of these sales will be credited to a common reparations pool.

An official of the Reparations Section said yesterday: "This transaction should enable many concerns in the Colony which are still awaiting rehabilitation to get started at somewhat less

expense than if they had to wait for material purchased through normal commercial channels.

"Any industrial concern in Hong Kong requiring plant of a nature likely to be available in Japan and which sends a statement of its requirements to the Government will, in ten days' time, be represented by a team of technicians and officials who are leaving for Japan about May 26th to present the Colony's needs for a proportionate share of the plant. Other teams will be present at the conference to represent the various Allied nations that were concerned in the war against Japan."

Fair Bids

The allocation of this plant, said the official, is to be restricted to territories where losses of similar plant have been suffered and is for the primary purpose of facilitating industrial rehabilitation in these territories.

The submission of bids for plant will not commit applicants in any way pending the receipt of further information of conditions and suitability of the plant available from the team of representatives.

The official said yesterday: "As the requirements of Hong Kong will be considered by the Allied Allocating Authorities in Japan, in conjunction with other competing bids from other territories, however, it is important that bids should be fairly valued and should be restricted to items required to promote the further rehabilitation of the Colony."

at about 8.30 last night. She was rescued by a seaman of the boat and taken to Kowloon Hospital.

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chase of either (a) and/or (b) in
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mencing 1st June, 1947.

3. Tenders must be deposited
with the Board in sealed packets
and marked "Tender for Scrap
Iron and Steel and/or Firewood"
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4. Closing date for Tender:—12
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5. Further details and conditions
of Contract may be had on appli-
cation to the British Stores Dis-
posal Board (Hong Kong), Vic-
toria Barracks (Entrance 50
yards west of Queen's Road En-
trance to Barracks).

6. The Chairman of the British
Stores Disposal Board (Hong
Kong) does not bind himself to
accept the highest or any Tender.

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Chairman,

BRITISH STORES
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Hong Kong.

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Building to the junction of
Jackson Road (North
corner of Hong Kong
Club).
- Wardley Street from
Queen Victoria Statue
to Connaught Road Cen-
tral.

2. Cars of persons attending
Queen's Day will be parked
East of the junction of Con-
naught Road Central and
Jackson Road after the passen-
gers have disembarked.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

Hong Kong, 14th May, 1947.

HONGKONG BANKERS' CLEARING HOUSE

Commencing Monday 19th
May 1947, Clearing cheques
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NOTICE is hereby given that
the Forty-Sixth Annual General
Meeting of the Shareholders
will be held in the Jacobson
Room of the Hongkong Hotel,
Pedder Street, Hongkong, on
Saturday, the 31st May 1947, at
Noon for the following purposes,
namely, to consider the annual
statement of accounts and the
balance sheet, and the
reports of the Directors and
Auditors thereon, to elect Di-
rectors & Auditors in the place
of those retiring, to declare a
dividend and bonus, to ap-
propriate the balance of Profit and
Loss Accounts as recommended
by the Directors, and to
transact any other ordinary
business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given
that the Share Transfer Re-
gisters will be closed from 20th
May, 1947 to 31st May, 1947,
both dates inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. D. LEARMONTH,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1947.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that
an Extraordinary General Meet-
ing of Shareholders will be held
at the Jacobson Room, Hong-
kong Hotel, Pedder Street,
Hong Kong, on Saturday, 31st
May, 1947, at 12.15 p.m. (or
as soon thereafter as the Or-
dinary Annual Meeting to be
held at that date shall
have been concluded) for the
purpose of considering and, if
thought fit, passing the sub-
joined Resolution as an Ordina-
ry Resolution:—

"That the Capital of the
Company be increased to
\$10,000,000, by the creation
of One Million Two Hundred
Thousand additional new
shares of Five Dollars each
to be issued at such terms
and conditions in every re-
spect as the Company's Board
of Directors may think fit."

By Order of the Board,

A. D. LEARMONTH,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1947.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that
an Extraordinary General Meet-
ing of the Company will be
held at 18 Pedder Street (1st
floor) Hong Kong on MONDAY
the NINTH day of JUNE,
1947, at NOON, for the pur-
pose of proposing and if
thought fit passing the sub-
joined resolutions as a special
resolution, viz:—

That the Articles of Associa-
tion be altered in the manner
following:—

- Article 17 shall be can-
celled.
- In the third line of
Article 71 the word "two"
shall be substituted for
the word "three".
- The following Article shall
be substituted for Article
76:—"76. Subject to any
special terms as to voting
upon which any shares of
the Company may have
been issued or may for
the time being be held,
upon a show of hands
every member present in
person shall have one
vote, and upon a poll
every member present in
person or by proxy shall
have one vote for every
share held by him."

By Order of the Board,

R. G. CRAIG,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong,

Dated this Ninth day of May,
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Notice is hereby given that
the Eighteenth Ordinary Annual
Meeting of the Company will
be held at the Company's Office,
3rd Floor, 144-148 Des Voeux
Road, Central, Hongkong, on
Saturday the 24th May 1947 at
12.00 noon for the purpose of
receiving the Report and State-
ment of Accounts for the Year
ended 31st December 1946 and
for the period 16th September
to 31st December 1946.

Notice is also given that the
Share Register of the Company
will be closed from the 16th
May 1947 to the 24th May 1947,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

LAU TAK PO,

Managing Director.

HONGKONG, 10th May, 1947.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD

Notice is hereby given that the
Thirty-eighth Ordinary General
Meeting of the Company, will
be held at the Offices of Messrs
Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor,
Hongkong Bank Building, on
Wednesday, the 21st May 1947,
at 11 a.m. for the purpose of
receiving the Report and State-
ment of Accounts for the
period 1st December 1946 to
31st December 1946.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from the 7th May
1947 to the 21st May 1947,
both days inclusive.

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General Managers.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Register of Shareholders of
the Company having been lost
during the Japanese occupation
and new forms of certificates
having now been received from
England all shareholders are
required as soon as possible to
send to the Company for can-
cellation the certificates for
shares now in their possession
in exchange for which the
Company will issue new
certificates with new distin-
guishing numbers of the shares.
As from the 1st day of June
1947 the Company's Register of
Shareholders will be opened for
transfer and transfers accom-
panied by the requisite
certificates together with the
approval in writing of the
Registrar of Companies will
only be registered.

Shareholders whose Certifi-
cates have been lost or de-
stroyed, and who have not
already done so, are requested
to notify the Company forth-
with giving full particulars.

DATED the 15th day of May
One thousand nine hundred and
forty-seven.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON
General Managers.

NOTICE

FAR EASTERN FREIGHT CONFERENCE

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It is hereby notified that
revised Freight Tariffs are be-
ing introduced by the above-
mentioned Conferences.

These Tariffs will come into
force as from June 1st 1947
and all rates of freight cov-
ered by the existing Tariffs will
be withdrawn from that date.

Quotations of the revised
freight rates may be obtained
on application.

J. D. ALEXANDER
CHAIRMAN.

NOTICE

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

Will clients please note that as
from 10th May 1947 the Offices
of the Society and its Affiliated
Companies will be situated on
the second floor of Union
Building. Telephone numbers
remain unchanged.

NO SEPARATE TREATIES

Washington, May 14.
The U.S. State Department
knows of no plan for the
United States to conclude
separate peace treaties with
Germany and Austria, a De-
partment spokesman said to-
day.

He made this statement when
questioned on the "Chicago
Tribune" report that the
United States is ready to proceed
unilaterally unless Russia
backs down from her position
during the recent Moscow
peace conference.—Reuter.

Leprosy In Britain?

London, May 14.
As a result of the return of
the British 14th Army from
Burma and prisoners of war
from the Far East, leprosy may
be seen again in Britain within
the next five years, according to
Dr. Gordon Ryrice, medical
secretary of the British Empire
Leprosy Relief Association.

Dr. Ryrice told a press con-
ference in London today that
he expected a temporary in-
crease of disease in this coun-
try and cases would come to
light within the next five
years.

"At the present time," he
said, "there are insufficient ex-
perts to diagnose the symptoms
and there are many cases where
disease still incubating is not
yet apparent."

Dr. Ryrice added that he
thought that the number of
cases which would develop in
this country would not be less
than 30.

"There is no fear of infec-
tion during the incubation
period," he said. "But the
danger is that doctors in our
skin hospitals have so little ex-
perience of the disease that
they may not recognise it as
leprosy until it is well advanced."
—Reuter.

Oxonians To Have Texas Drawl

London, May 14.
An inquiry into the extent to which Britain should
model her future university system on that of
the United States was demanded today in the
House of Lords by Lord Lindsay, former Vice-
Chancellor of Oxford University.

"Figures show that one person of every 125 went
to a university in the United States, while in
England only one in 1,013 had the same
chance," Lord Lindsay, an Independent peer,
said.

"Can we really suppose that
the standard of intelligence of
the English is so low com-
pared with the standard of in-
telligence of other countries?"

Initiating a brief debate on
university education, he de-
clared that while Britain's sec-
ondary education (high school
level) was about two years
ahead of the United States, she
needed more teachers and new
experiments in education to
provide the doctors, lawyers,

scientists and trained social
service workers which were
needed.

Despite the fact that many
of the institutions to which the
American students went would
not be considered universities
by British educationalists, the
"great technical efficiency" of
the United States was connect-
ed with the fact that so many
young American men had gone
to some full-time institution up
to the age of 21 or 22.

Cosmetics!
Lord Lindsay said that the
Principal of Chicago University
had complained that the Uni-
versity of California had
founded a chair of Cosmetology
on the ground that the profes-
sion of "cosmetician" was in-
creasing in California more
rapidly than any other profes-
sion.

In the American system, there
were "ridiculous examples of
this kind."
Lord Jowitt (Lord Chancel-
lor) replying, rejected Lord
Lindsay's suggestion of a new
body to look into this matter.
He suggested more support for
the existing committee for
educational grants to which the
Treasury was prepared to give
its fullest support.

He said that the Government
had hoped that by 1951, the
university population in Brit-
ain would have increased from
66,000 to 88,000. The program-
me of development in the next
five years would cost an es-
timated £65,000,000.—Reuter.

AVIATOR LOCATED

Dar-Es-Salaam, May 14.
Colonel Chesley Peterson,
American air force hero, who
was forced down in the Afri-
can wilds last Friday, boarded
a De Havilland "Dove" aero-
plane at Songea late today to-
gether with his crew.

Col Peterson's plane left for
Blantyre instead of for Dar-
es-Salaam, where it had been ori-
ginally scheduled to arrive to-
night. Reasons for the change
in plans were not given.
Col Peterson had planned to
leave today for Palestine, the
reason for their return (order-
ed by the Palestine govern-
ment) was not disclosed.—
United Press.

"INDEPENDENT PALESTINE," SUGGESTS RUSSIA

Flushing Meadows, N.Y. May 14.

The Soviet Union today urged the United Nations
to end the "bankrupt" British mandate in
Palestine and clear the way for an indepen-
dent Holy Land with equal rights for Arabs
and Jews.

The Soviet delegate, M. Gromyko, joining the
Arab states in the last-hour fight to force the
General Assembly to study the independence
issue, delivered a scathing attack on British
rule in Palestine.

Gromyko said:—
"Palestine is completely
transformed into a police
state. Britain does not have
the confidence of the people of
Palestine. Both Jews and
Arabs demand liquidation of
the mandate. It is one thing
on which they do not differ."

He said he would favour the
partition of the Holy Land into
separate Arab and Jewish
states only if the United Na-
tions investigation proved that
the two peoples could not live
together in peace.

A Jewish Agency spokesman
said they considered this state-
ment as a "major switch in Rus-
sian policy."

Iraq's Feethil Jamali, leading
the attack, shouted "Stop the
invasion of Palestine!" He
said the Arab states would re-
serve the right not to be bound
by any decision the United Na-
tions may take regarding Pale-
stine.

Not Consistent
As soon as the Assembly met
to consider the Political Com-
mittee report establishing a 11-
man investigating committee,
Jamali said:—"Our thesis is
nothing but one independent
state of Palestine which can
guarantee democracy and
peace."

He objected that the terms
of reference for the Palestine
Inquiry Commission omitted
such words as peace, justice,
independence, political rights,
harmony and the like. He said
that to include religious inter-
ests in the terms and exclude

political freedom did not show
a very high degree of con-
sistency.

Jamali charged that the
Arabs in Palestine had been de-
prived of political rights during
the past 60 years and were
waiting for justice and redem-
ption.

"I hope that their confidence
in the United Nations will not
be shaken," Jamali said. The
Arabs expected Soviet support
in the final campaign but the
Jawue was fore-determined by
overwhelming votes in the Po-
litical Committee against in-
cluding independence in the in-
structions.

Chinese Head
It was learned that Victor
Hoo of China, Assistant Sec-
retary General in charge of the
United Nations trusteeship af-
fairs, will head the United Na-
tions staff assigned to the Pa-
lestine Investigating Com-
mission. The selection of one
United Nations high command
to direct a 40-or-45-man staff
attached to the 11-nation com-
mission was made by Trygve
Lie, Secretary General of the
General Assembly.

Lie declined to tell in his
weekly news conference who
had been selected for the as-
signment but he did say that
the Palestine inquiry was "im-
portant enough to require one
of the assistant secretaries gen-
eral." There are eight assis-
tants—one each from the Big
Five and Czechoslovakia, Chile
and the Netherlands.

It is understood that officials
are particularly anxious to
avoid repetition of charges
directed against the activities
of the United Nations staff as-
signed to the Balkans In-
vestigating Commission.

There were a series of al-
legations—all denied by Uni-
ted Nations officials and mem-
bers of the commission—that
the secretariat of the commis-
sion was biased in favour of
Russia.—United Press.

In Brief

May 14.
WELLINGTON: A Hawkes
Bay, N.Z., farmer, by mat-
ing a swan and a goose,
now has a six-week-old spec-
imen of fowl living on his farm
which he has named a "swoose."

GENOA: Port authorities
seized a cargo of explosive
materials today from the It-
alian ship, "Citta di Bari,"
which was assumed to have
been destined for Palestine.

NAPLES: Nine persons
were injured today by an ex-
plosion in an Allied ammu-
nition dump, caused by fire, at
Seisciano, 12 miles east of Na-
ples.

LONDON: The whaling
ship Balena—the biggest whal-
ing factory afloat—was re-
loaded under its own power today
after having run aground on
Shipwash Sands in the Thames
Estuary.

MONOPOLI: Nearly 100
Jews reportedly embarked cas-
tledown for Palestine at dawn
yesterday from this little It-
alian Adriatic port in an un-
identified freighter.

PARIS: General Alphonse
Juin, chief of the French Gen-
eral Staff, was appointed Re-
sident General of Morocco to-
day by Premier Paul Ramadier,
succeeding M. Erik Labonne.

LONDON: The Foreign Of-
fice announced that Sir Victor
Mallet, British Ambassador to
Madrid, has been appointed
Britain's representative to the
Propaganda Commission for
the International Refugee Or-
ganization, succeeding Sir
George Rendel. Sir Victor was
recalled from Madrid in accor-
dance with the United Nations
resolution to withdraw the
heads of diplomatic missions to
the Franco government.

NAIROBI: Twenty-six Jew-
ish extremists, interned for
three months in Kenya, an-
nounced today for Palestine. The
reason for their return (order-
ed by the Palestine govern-
ment) was not disclosed.—
United Press.

SKYSCRAPER ROBBERY

New York, May 14.
Two men today held up a
jewel merchant, George Lasse-
man, on the tenth floor of
Manhattan Building and es-
caped with diamonds whose
value is placed at up to
US\$100,000.

Lasseman said the bandits,
who were carrying pistols,
forced him to open his safe,
emptied the contents in bags
and then bound and gagged
their victim.—United Press.

To Hunt Crocodiles

Sydney, May 14.
Berkley Cook, ex-RAAF offi-
cer, is preparing an expedition
to hunt crocodiles commercial-
ly. He has found that they are
returning in large numbers to
their old haunts in Australia's
northern Queensland and New
Guinea after having been
driven off by Australian and
American troops during the
war.

Cook, 40-year-old resident of
Neutral Bay, Sydney, reports
he had been offered an average
of \$6.50 a skin by a Sydney
leather firm. During the war,
little crocodile hunting was
done, and prices of skins sky-
rocketed.

Cook plans to do a bit of
trading in the New Guinea
coastal islands, and will use his
50-foot pear lugger, the "Pana-
tom," as a base of operations.
The mangrove swamps sur-
rounding Darwin and the inlets
of the nearby coast are again
haunting huge crocodiles.
One surfaced at Fanny Bay
near a small sailboat occupied
by William McNab, 14.

The boy reported the croc-
codile charged his small boat,
rocked it with its tail and seem-
ed to be trying to capsize it.
Young McNab drove it off after
striking it repeatedly with an
oar.—United Press.

"Pravda" Accuses United Press

Moscow, May 14.
A "Pravda" dispatch from the newspaper's
Teheran correspondent said today that United
Press has received an assignment to circulate
sensational reports on Iran in a spirit hostile
to the Soviet Union.

The dispatch, captioned "The Unattractive Role of
the United Press Agency" said the purpose of
such activity was to prevent the conclusion of
an agreement on the formation of the Soviet-
Iranian Oil Company in North Iran.

The "Pravda" dispatch in full
follows:—

"The American agency, United
Press, has received an assignment
to circulate sensational reports of
various kinds in Iran written in
a spirit hostile to the Soviet Union
with a view to creating difficul-
ties and in so far as possible to
prevent the conclusion of an
agreement on the formation of the
Soviet-Iranian Oil Company in
northern Iran."

The dispatch continues: "It is
also stated here that official
American representatives are try-
ing to obtain the same aim by
pressure upon members of the
Iranian Government and Majlis
(Parliament) and corresponding
influence on public opinion."

"Propaganda"

"The Teheran paper Mehr-
Iran's report that the Iranian
agency, Fara, has concluded an
agreement with United Press for
using this agency's reports over
the radio and for publication in
Iranian papers is looked upon
here as a fact which points to a
widely-planned propaganda cam-
paign."

The "Pravda" dispatch added:
"A number of tendentious reports
transmitted lately by United
Press and reprinted by Iranian
papers confirm such assumption.
Thus at the end of April the
agency's Teheran correspondent
reported an alleged attempt of
4,000 Russians to 'break through
to Iran' disguised as refugees."

"This provocative invention in
somewhat altered form reached
the pages of the English press
like the 'Daily Telegraph' and
the 'Morning Post' a few days
ago declared to readers that a
large number of Russian terrorists
are crossing the Iranian frontier.
Several days later the same United
Press correspondent reported the
future reorganization of the Iran-
ian Cabinet and evidently reflect-
ing the real desires of his mas-
ters hastened to forecast that the
United Press."

Soviet "Smear Campaign"

Washington, May 14.
The U.S. State Depart-
ment has been advised
that the Soviet "smear cam-
paign" to discredit
United States policies
and institutions is con-
tinuing in high gear.

This is according to a report
based on a detailed survey of
the Soviet campaign by the
American Embassy in Moscow.
The report cites the recent
play, "The Russian Question"
which is said to vilify the Am-
erican press.

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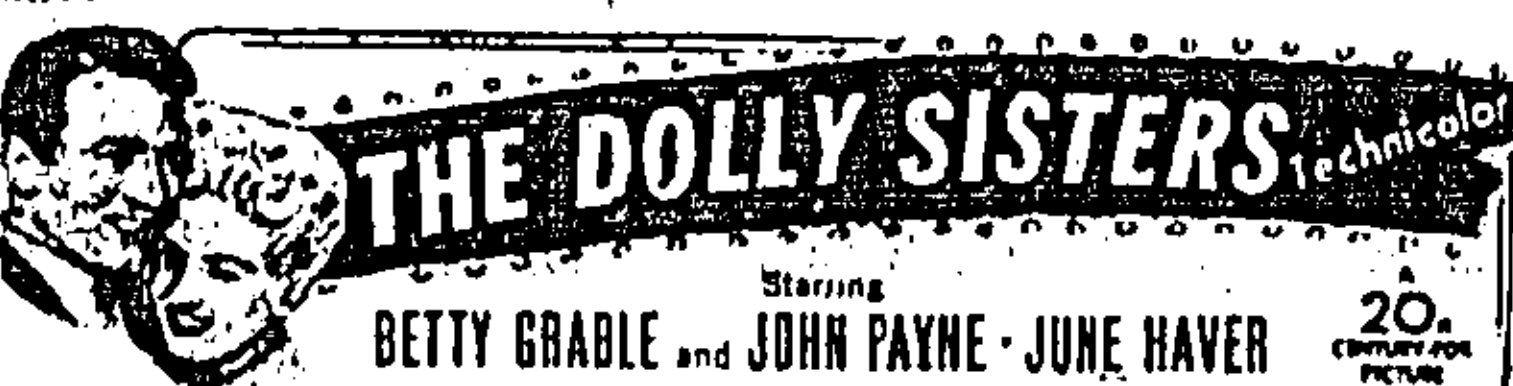
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They Chose The Wrong Buyer

Teung Wing and Ho Foon, casual coolies, chose the wrong buyer for the three jacks which they claimed, they picked up at the Kowloon Godowns as they were leaving work on May 13. The result is that they have now to spend the next three weeks in Stanley Gaol.

The facts, as related to Mr. W. H. Latimer by Inspector J. O'Brien at Kowloon yesterday, were that at 9.20 p.m. on Tuesday the two accused approached Chinese detective Wong Chum-muk outside the Hon Koo Garage at Wonsing Street and asked him if he wanted to purchase a jack.

Detective Wong asked the price and was told \$10. His interest was aroused and he inquired whether there were any more to be purchased at that price. The defendants replied in the affirmative, and first accused went to fetch the other jacks.

He returned about 20 minutes with the two jacks, one of which was of two ton capacity. Both men were exceedingly surprised when taken into custody by their prospective "customer."

The jacks were ordered by Mr. Latimer to be confiscated to the P.W.D., should no claim be made for them.

GRACIE COMMITTED TO SESSIONS

(Continue from Page 2)

for a Chinese station XG01 which was actually controlled by the Japanese.

"Then I was interned by the Japanese at Hap Hong Road," Ladd continued. "Then I was taken to Bridge House. I was badly beaten and asked about the activities of XG01."

"I know the Accused, I saw him in Hap Hong Road Camp and was put in the same room with him. I was also in the same room with him after my return from Bridge House. Several months later Chisholm, Brown, Gracie and myself were approached by a Japanese named Matsuda of the Japanese Press Bureau and another Japanese named Honda. An offer was made to me, Gracie approached me and told me he had also been interviewed and was offered a chance to be released."

"Gracie asked me my opinion of the matter. I advised him to go if he had contacts outside. I was thinking of getting in touch with my relatives outside the camp and of getting away from Shanghai. I did not tell Gracie to accept the offer or not. I left it to his own decision. Several days later we were released."

"Gracie did not tell me any of the details of the interview. He told me none of the inmates at Hap Hong Road would have much to do with him and he had a mind to get out. When I left the Camp I went back to the station and looked after musical records. I was released on condition I did broadcasting work."

"I was approached later to write commentaries on the world situation and I refused. I went to the Swiss Consulate and asked them to assist me to get back to Camp. I was eventually permitted to go back there. I suffered no ill-treatment as a result of this decision."

Described by the Magistrate as "charlatans who, there is no doubt about it, perpetrated a frightful swindle" by stimulating "from time to time the unwary who fell into their clutches by feats of sleight-of-hand and, in this way, kept up to the pitch where they were willing and eager to part with their savings," Wong Tak (alias Wong Chuen-yan) and Ting Kin-kwan (alias Wong Sang) were yesterday sentenced by Mr. W. H. Latimer to one year's hard labour, and nine months' hard labour respectively.

First accused was found guilty on two charges of obtaining money by false pretences and three of conspiracy for which he was sentenced to one year's imprisonment on each charge. He was also convicted on the charge of fortune-telling, for which he received a sentence of three months' hard labour. All sentences are to run concurrently.

Second defendant was convicted on three counts of obtaining money by false pretences and three of conspiracy, and sentenced to nine months' penal servitude on each. An additional three months was passed on the fortune-telling charge. All sentences to be concurrent.

Abundant Proof

Both defendants were recommended to "be banished for the protection of the people in this Colony," after they have served their sentences which are to date from April 12—the date of their arrest.

Delivering judgment, His Worship said: "Throughout the hearing of evidence in this case there have been statements made concerning the allegations by the first accused of supernatural powers. When giving evidence himself, the first accused made no claim whatsoever to the possession of any supernatural powers but only that he was instructed in fortune-telling and dealt in charms."

"There is abundant proof that a system was employed by both the accused with the object of misleading as much money as possible from the credulous and that the means employed in each of the charges before the Court was similar in character."

"The pretence that the first accused was a holy man from Lo Fu Mountain is false and so acknowledged by him. The unwary who fell into the clutches of these charlatans were stimulated from time to time by feats of sleight-of-hand and in this way kept up to the pitch where they were willing and eager to part with their savings."

Moving Spirit

"There is no evidence to support the statements of the first accused that sums given him for carrying out religious ceremonies were ever so employed or that he did perform such ceremonies."

"I find the first accused guilty of two charges of obtaining money by false pretence, three charges of conspiracy, and the charge of fortune-telling."

"I find the second accused guilty of three charges of obtaining money by false pretences, three charges of conspiracy, and the charge of fortune-telling."

3 COMMANDO LEAVING

After a year and a half's residence in the Colony, 3 Commando Brigade are making their final preparations to leave and will be embarked aboard the ss "Strathnaver" on Saturday morning. The Brigade is going to take up Garrison duties in Malta.

The Brigade, Commander, Brigadier J.H.G. Whitt, left a few weeks ago and will be in Malta to welcome the Brigade on its arrival there.

The duties of 3 Commando Brigade, which in the past 18 months have involved garrisoning Kowloon and the New Territories, have been taken over by the 1st Battalion, The Devon and the 27th Field Regiment, R.A.

Bought Mauser In Germany

"The possession of arms without a licence is a very serious offence in the Colony, but in view of the fact that the Police are asking for only a very small fine and are not applying for the confiscation of the pistol I am going to impose only a small fine on you."

The above was addressed by Mr. W. H. Latimer to Koy Yee-wing, 41, an American citizen, and veteran of World War II, who pleaded guilty to the possession of a German "Mauser" pistol at the K.C.H. Station at 10.30 a.m. on May 14.

Defendant, who had lived in the United States for about 39 years and who joined the U.S. Army on April 2, 1944, served in England and landed in Germany with the 9th U.S. Army. He purchased the pistol in Germany and was granted a certificate for its possession.

DSI W. J. Wall, who prosecuted, stated that defendant arrived in Hong Kong on May 13 by the ss "Marine Lynx" and stayed the night at the Hotel Nathan. The following morning he went to the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station to board a train for Canton.

At the Chinese Customs barrier he was asked whether he had anything to declare, and replied that he had a pistol but no ammunition. Defendant, continued DSI Wall, was handed over to S/I H. C. Timma and brought to the Water Police Station.

The Police, added DSI Wall, were only asking for a small fine and the custody of the pistol until Koy returns to America.

Defendant was fined \$50. The necessary order for the temporary custody of the pistol was made.

"Cossack" Rescues A Tanker

HMS "Cossack," which sailed for Singapore from Hong Kong on Sunday, made a surprise return to Hong Kong Wednesday night with a former Japanese tanker, the 1,000-ton "Tai Tung," in tow.

"Cossack's" return marks the third time the British destroyer has unsuccessfully attempted to reach Singapore from Hong Kong.

Members of her crew have dubbed the 1,900-ton warship, the "Singapore Jinx Ship."

After one day at sea, "Cossack" picked up a distress signal from the "Tai Tung." In a heavy rain and wind storm, the destroyer managed to take in tow the wallowing tanker.

HMS "Cossack" left at 6 p.m. yesterday for the fourth time for Singapore. Captain Guy Sayer is in command.—United Press.

another application which is still under consideration.

He further said that he was under contract to the Military Authorities for the supply of petrol and the garaging of army lorries. He claimed that the petrol arrived at his garage in a lorry and was transferred from that lorry to Army vehicles for transport to Sun Wai Camp.

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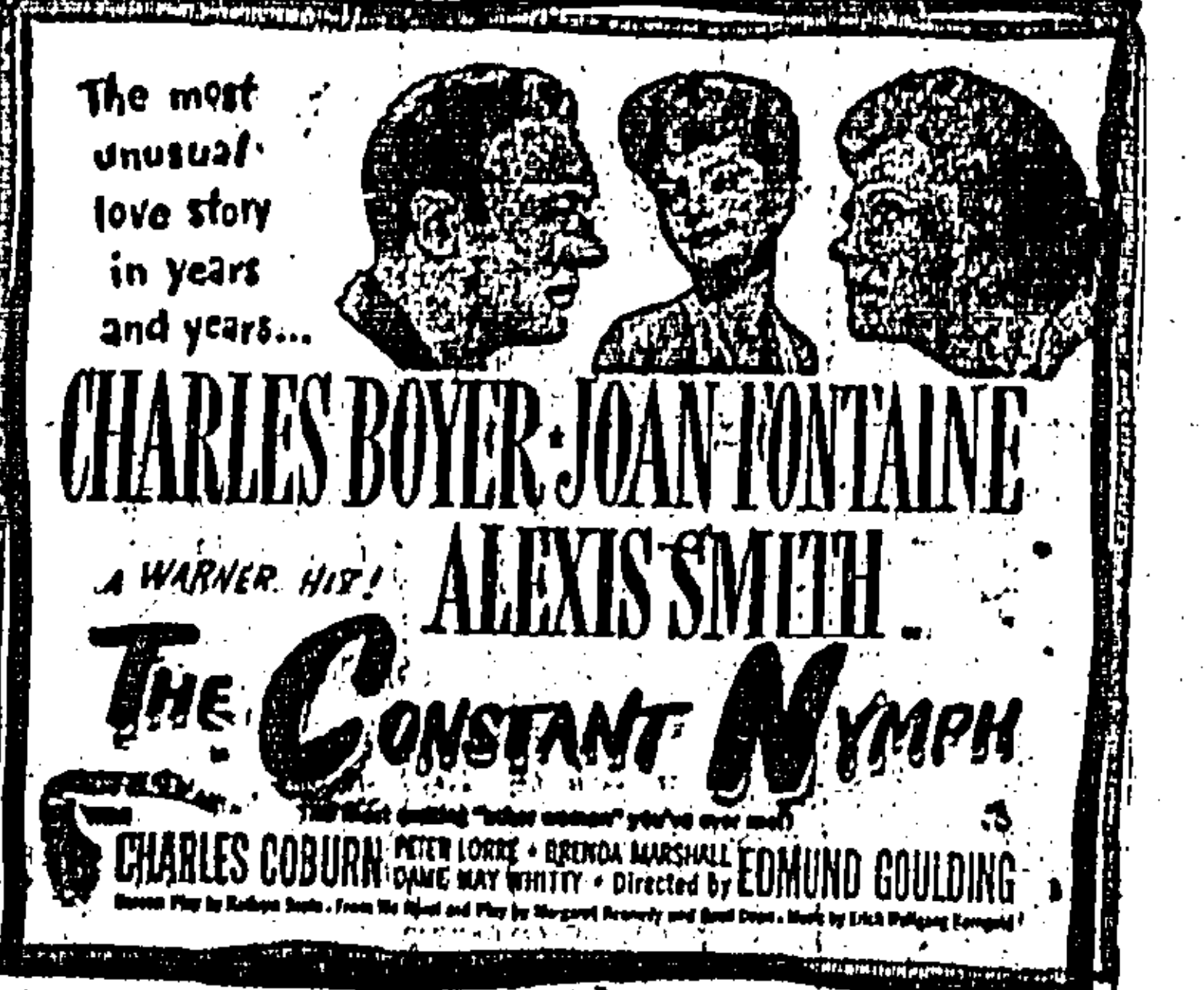
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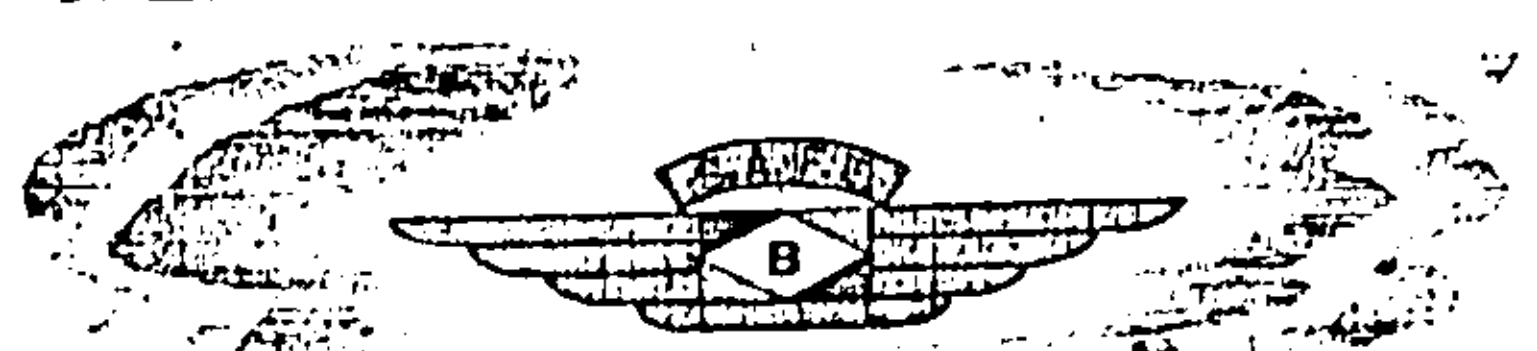
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ROZA—On Thursday, May 8, 1937, at the General Hospital, Shinghai, Ananda Maria Noronha da Roza (Dorothy), aged 83 years, the dearly beloved mother of Oscar, Delcina and Amelia.

CONSTITUTIONAL
REFORM

One might almost imagine, judging by the length of time occupied by the Colonial Office in examination of the plan for a Municipal Council and other constitutional reforms in Hong Kong, that the issues involved were as momentous as the transfer of power in India. In point of fact, it is very much a preliminary phase of public management that is being conferred, and over meticulous attention to the minutiae of draftsmanship—for that is apparently what is happening—might in these troublous times be energy devoted to matters of greater moment. No-one will regret the delay in presentation of the final scheme more than His Excellency Sir Mark Young, who must have entertained a keen desire to announce the satisfactory completion of the most important task of his last year as Governor, prior to his departure. In this, it seems, His Excellency is to be disappointed. There is, indeed, no real indication as to when the detailed scheme will be returned from London carrying the approval and endorsement of the Colonial Office, and the expectation that it would be possible to hold the first elections in the early autumn may not now be realised. Much preparatory work in Hong Kong will be required, principal among it being the completion of the registers of voters in the different wards or districts. Some indication that the Colonial Office may, soon, make up its mind is perhaps to be found in the statement in Parliament yesterday announcing the broad outline of the constitution for the Legislative Council of Singapore. Such a body is, of course, new to Singapore, and is required by the creation of the Malayan Union which sets up Singapore as an entity separated from Kuala Lumpur, except insofar as the Governor-General exercises prerogatives over the heads of the Governor of Singapore and the Governor of Malaya. The points of key interest in the Singapore plan are (a) that the communal basis of elections has been rejected and (b) that of nine elected Unofficials, six are to be chosen by popular ballot, and three by the Chambers of Commerce. Over and above these, the Governor has the power to nominate four additional Unofficial members, the object being to secure adequate representation of all interests, a result which obviously would not necessarily be achieved by popular ballot. It will not fail to be noted in Hong Kong that Singapore, starting with an entirely clean slate, is conceded a substantial Unofficial majority, 13 to 9, while the Legislative Council plan envisaged by the Governor of Hong Kong provides for seven Officials and eight Unofficials. The underlying objective here has never been quite clear. Such a constitution would, of course, preserve to the Governor the privilege of a casting vote which could be decisive, but as the right of veto remains to His Excellency, the precaution, if such it is, surely is needless. The Singapore plan has decided merits by comparison. The substance as well as the shadow of Unofficial control of legislative decisions is provided, and as there is a fairly close resemblance between Hong Kong and Singapore, politically, the reason for a less favourable response to this Colony's urge towards a more democratic administrative system is not immediately apparent. It may be, of course, that we have blamed the Colonial Office unduly, and that the delay in reaching decisions has arisen from the will to make the more generous offer inherent in the Singapore plan. In that case, the hold-up will be considered as having been well worth while.

THE BATTLE OVER
CONSCRIPTIONBy
ROY CARLETON

It is now possible to trace something of the how and why of the sudden decision to reduce the period of compulsory service from eighteen months to twelve months and to anticipate some of the coming moves.

First of all, the lobby verdict on National Service Bill administered a severe jolt to Government and Opposition alike, the fact that men and women elected to Parliament will no longer automatically obey the behests of Party whips if that means sacrificing their own strongly held personal beliefs or what they believe to be the strongly held opinions of the constituents who elected them, was by no means the least important of these jolts.

The Cabinet went into an immediate huddle to analyse the full meaning of that vote on the second reading of Bill when the Government found itself so powerfully opposed by a large number of Labour backbenchers that, but for Opposition support, the Government could have been defeated on this important measure. The Cabinet realised that though the immediate danger had passed there were ample opportunities for further crisis situations when the National Service Bill was passing through its Committee Stages. So they searched for a door of escape and decided they had found it in the suggestion thrown out during the Commons debate by Mr. Crossman.

"Heaven-Sent"

Mr. Crossman is the leader of the section of the Labour Party which is mostly keenly critical of the Bevin foreign policy. He has an influential group behind him and though he voted in the Government lobby on the National Service Bill, he made it clear he would not support it in Committee if there was any tendency to use the armed forces to bolster up foreign adventuring.

To reinforce this idea, he suggested cutting the length of conscription service down to twelve months.

The Defence Committee fastened on this as a heaven-sent way out of the predicament. If this sop could be thrown up the Crossmanites

would not only consolidate their support but would also bring into line those Labour MPs who had voted against the Government because they felt conscription interfered too much with the industrial and food production manpower problems.

On this point it would appear that even before the Bill was introduced the Cabinet had not been completely unanimous for both George Isaacs (Minister of Labour) and Mr. Tom Williams (Minister of Agriculture) had not been happy over losing so many young men to the Forces when industry and the land both needed them so much. True such a trimming of the conscription policy would not please the Pacifist groups of MPs but their numbers would not prove too worrying in the division lobbies if they could be separated from the other sections.

Service Decision

Parliamentary tacticians therefore urged further exploration of the question whether the suggested reduction in the length of compulsory service was practical. So the Chiefs of the three Services were instructed to weigh it all up. They worked solidly through that night and next day told the Defence Committee that a reduction to twelve months would be accepted if certain conditions could be assumed to operate. The first consideration was whether the need for overseas garrisons could be substantially reduced by the year 1950 when the Bill would come into full action. Secondly, it would be necessary for a considerable portion of the conscript's year of service to be spent abroad. Those were the main points put forward by the Army chiefs who take up sixty per cent of the Forces' intake. The Chiefs of the Navy and R.A.F. posed other difficulties about the virtual impossibility of training in one year conscripts to undertake the highly specialised technical branches. The Defence Committee saw no insuperable obstacles in any of these points and was

prepared to take a gamble of the possibility of sufficient easement of international relations to justify abolishing several of our existing foreign garrisons by 1950.

A favourable recommendation was therefore sent to the Cabinet which met the next day and Mr. Isaacs was authorised to release the news immediately.

Shrill Clamour

Parliament had, by this time, closed for Easter so nothing could be said in the Commons about this unexpected bombshell but the newspapers set up a shrill clamour at once and Mr. Churchill issued a terrible broadside in the form of the written statement from his Westminster home. He described the decision to reduce the period of service as "another example of the policy of scuttling before anything that looks difficult or fierce" and he hinted that although the Conservative Party had voted in support of the Government on the second-reading division, it would now have to consider withdrawing that support from the remaining stages of the Bill.

It could really implement that threat, the Government's position might easily become perilous. Again the difficult Committee Stage of Bill is being negotiated but already there are signs that the healing of the Labour Party split may be followed by the opening of a Conservative Party split. A number of members of the Opposition have already made it reasonably clear they do not approve of the new line Mr. Churchill is taking and Mr. A. V. Alexander (Minister of Defence) has already stepped in with a useful speech at the annual meeting of the Conservative Party at Llandudno when he drove home the following series of denials and statements. He said that there was no official tie-up between Britain and America likely to operate against Russia; that the Government is not contemplating war against any particular country; that the Government is not contemplating an indefinite reduction in our Armed Forces; that the National Service Bill is not the inevitable forerunner of industrial conscription; and that the Government is still basing its policy on supporting the United Nations Organisation.

So, at the moment, honours are even with the Government holding a slight advantage because everybody now knows its pledged policy and the interim period before the Commons can get down to tackling the subject in earnest will probably bring additional support from those who have all along been anxiously worried about the effects of the military service period in disturbing the career preparation of the nation's young men.

Murder
Confessor
Insane

Leeds, England, May 14.

The court which yesterday rejected a confession of murder made from the stand by a defence witness, Denis Wood, 19-year-old soldier, today declared Wood insane.

Wood startled the court on Monday by announcing from the witness stand that he, and not defendant Eric Briggs, committed the murder for which Briggs was on trial.

The court threw out Wood's confession and found Briggs guilty of murdering his wife. Briggs was sentenced to be hanged.

Wood was ordered to be detained during His Majesty's pleasure.—United Press.

Tories Swing To
The Left

New York, May 15.

Britain's Conservative Party under the leadership of former premier Winston Churchill has made a surprising move which looks very much like a swing to the left—a small swing to be sure but still a swing—in competition with the Socialist government's programme.

The Conservatives have issued a booklet pledging themselves to work for the restoration of "a wide measure of freedom" to some industries which have been

nationalised. However, they say they have no intention of restoring the Bank of England or the coal industry to private enterprise and add this provocative forecast:

"We wish to substitute for the present paralysis a system of free enterprise, which in turn reconciles the need for central direction with the encouragement of individual effort."

Whatever else one may think of this declaration it is of course a bid for a return to power in the next general election which normally will be three years hence.

The idea of the "need for central direction" naturally catches the eye and the Conservative London "Daily Express" says the Conservatives are making an elementary blunder in trying to fight under socialist banner. The "Daily Telegraph" also says the Conservatives are doing what the Socialists are trying to do, only doing it better than the latter.

While this move is surprising it is not at all illogical. The Conservatives are trimming their sails to a wind whose direction was clearly evident in the last general election when many of their party voted for the Socialist ticket.

England has been moving cautiously but steadily toward moderate socialism for many years. She had striking evidence of this as far back as 1924 when the late Ramsay MacDonald headed the first Labour Government which employed the terms "labour" and "socialist" as synonymous, just as it is done today.

That the socialist victory which overwhelmed the great Churchill two years ago was no flash in the pan has been demonstrated in all by-elections since then to replace individual members of Parliament.

The Socialists have not lost a single seat—a circumstance which is taken by political experts in Britain, as indicating that the general public still is determined to give the new government a chance to show what it can do.

All this being so, it is clear that whatever party wins in the next general election it will do so on a broad progressive platform. The race as things now stand again will be between two major parties—The Socialists and the Conservatives.

There is no great strength on the extreme left or on the extreme right. Hence the Conservative Party's move is closer to the middle of the road.



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"Hot Potato" is a term invented several decades ago, in the days of auction bridge, to describe the kind of deal which is bound to burn somebody's hands. Its distinguishing characteristic generally is the lack of fitting suits in the hands of either partnership. Because of that fact, neither side can find an apparently good suit for its trump. Add to that the additional feature that the remainder of any player's long suit are all stacked in one opponent's hand and punishment is guaranteed to anybody who winds up as the declarer.

S 9 8 2	N S Q J 7 6
H 10 9	W E H 4
D 10 6 5 4 2	S A K 10 3
C 10 6 3	H K J 8 3
	D Q 3
	C A Q 7

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)

South	West	North	East
1. 1 S	2 H	Pass	3 C
Pass	4 C	Pass	4 C
Dbl			
2. 1 S	2 C	Pass	2 C
2 H	Dbl	2 S	Dbl

This deal in a team of four match was a "hot potato" if there ever was one. The question of which side took the burning was decided by what amounted practically to an intangible. You would never guess, if you were kibitzing West, that the suit he selected for overcalling with his freak would have such an influence. But that is just what developed.

Where West selected hearts for his overall, the bidding not only got too high for South to rob, but also appropriated the suit he would have called. So East and West were stuck with it, and went down four tricks doubled—cost 700 points. West, of course, might have saved most of that by shifting to 4-Hearts.

Where West picked clubs for the overall, the bidding reached South at a low enough stage for his rebid and also made it possible for him to bid hearts. Notice how pleased West was with that. North of course properly shifted then to spades, which pleased East. How much did that get set? Exactly the same as the set at the other table—four tricks, costing 700 points, so that the hand was tied by the two teams. South got only four tricks at 2-Spades—the spade A and K, A of clubs and 10 of diamonds, due to the vagaries of the play that developed.

Tomorrow's Problem

S K J 10 9 6 5 3
H 8 6 5 4
D Q
C None

S Q 2
H Q 10 3 2
D A J 8 4
C K 7 6

S 8 7 4
H None
D 10 6 3 2
C A 10 9 8 5 3

(Dealer: East. East-West vulnerable.)

Following East's 1-Club, West's 1-Heart, North's 1-Spade and East's 4-Hearts, what bidding should ensue?

NARVIK TRAITOR
SENTENCED

Oslo, May 15.

Colonel Konrad Sundbo, known to the Norwegians as the "traitor of Narvik," has been sentenced to life imprisonment by a Norwegian military court following a conviction on charges of collaborating with the enemy.

Sundbo was in command of the Norwegian forces in the vicinity of the Arctic port of Narvik when the Germans invaded Norway on April, 1940. He was accused of surrendering to the invaders and disregarding orders from the General Staff to fight to the end.—Associated Press.

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EVATT BLAMES COMMUNISTS

Soviet Inspiration Behind Threatened Building Unions' "Black Ban"

Cunningham Deplores At-Bombs

Leeds, May 14.

Admiral of the Fleet Viscount Cunningham, First Sea Lord at the time of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, said today that he had always regretted the dropping of atomic bombs on Japan.

Lord Cunningham conceded that the bombs perhaps shortened the war by "two or three months," but said he was convinced that Japan would have surrendered unconditionally anyway within a very short time.

"The result of the dropping of these bombs on Japan," he said, "has been that the incalculable benefit which atomic energy may confer upon mankind for the ordinary man has been obscured by the possibility of its use as a weapon."

Admiral Cunningham, who stepped down as First Sea Lord in June, 1946, spoke on the occasion of his being awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Leeds University. He acknowledged the bomb as the greatest achievement of science during the war, but said military people "had not much cause for satisfaction that atomic energy was produced as a weapon."

"Appalling"

He said he did not "entirely hold the view that war under atomic conditions would necessarily mean the end of civilization, but under continual threat of a sudden atomic attack, even if there is no war, the possibility of atomic attack is perfectly appalling."

He said that although he had hoped the bomb would be outlawed, "the outlook at the moment is distinctly unpromising."—United Press.

War Brides Facing Deportation

Honolulu, May 14.

War brides of two Honolulu veterans faced deportation today because they lacked the required racial mixture of 51 per cent from "eligible" races.

Robert Hogan, deputy Territorial Attorney General, for Veterans' Affairs, said both cases have been called to the attention of the Territorial Government, and of delegate Joseph Farrington, who is pushing legislation to liberalize the immigration laws which ban most Asiatic and Pacific Island races from United States citizenship.

Hogan said immigration officers ruled Mrs. Gilbert Dias, 18, mother of a two-weeks old son, and Mrs. William White, 24, both must leave.

Mrs. Dias, a native of the Fiji Islands, is one-quarter British and the remainder Polynesian. She was a Government typist in Fiji during the war.

Mrs. White, a native of Samoa and half British and half Samoan, has been a resident of Auckland, New Zealand, since she was 12 years old. Both met their husbands while the latter served overseas as Army other ranks.—United Press.

Red Scare Now In Australia?

Canberra, May 13.

Dr. Herbert Evatt, the Australian Minister of External Affairs, told the executive of the Australian Labour Party that "a source outside Australia" was conducting what amounted to political warfare against the Commonwealth.

He called upon the Labour movement to fight it unitedly. "Union threats to blacklist the rocket experiments were planned and directed by an 'ostensibly identifiable' source outside Australia," he said.

"The Party must declare its uncompromising hostility to groups which have been sabotaging Australian economy and are now seeking to attack in the interests of a foreign power, the British-Australian experiments for the defensive use of rocket projectiles," he concluded.—Reuter.

Rocket Test Range Opposition

Canberra, May 14.

Dr. Herbert Evatt, Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs, when he addressed delegates of the Australia Labour Party Executive last night, left them in no doubt that Soviet inspiration is behind the threatened "black ban" by building unions on the project for a rocket test range in Australia.

Dr. Evatt told the conference: "The Communists have developed the technique of using unions to declare war on the Government's constituted authority. This cannot be tolerated."

Dr. Evatt added that the fact that Australia's defence as well as the British Empire defence was involved made it a matter of the highest possible concern.

The Executive President, who is an Englishman, Mr. McAlpine, said: "The Executive is completely at one with the Government in this matter." As a result of Dr. Evatt's revelation of Soviet inspiration behind the proposed ban on work on the rocket range, the Labour Party Federal Executive decided to declare war on the Communist Party's influence in the Trade Union movement.

The delegates forecast dramatic legal action by the Government if the Communists persist in the black ban.

The Communists officially disavow responsibility for the ban but labour delegates are not impressed. The war is to be carried by the Labour Government right into the Communist camp, in its desire to root out Communist influence.

Later, Dr. Evatt informed the House of Representatives:

"I have told the Australian Labour Party Executive that my opinion is that the objection to building a rocket range is not the concern for aborigines; it is part of a plan to prevent the project being operated at all."

Serious Matter

"I said that the pamphlet circulated in Australia by the Communist Party clearly showed objection to the defence proposals. This is a very serious matter."

"The Communist pamphlet completely misstated the Government's view. The rocket range project is not directed to any aggressive action by Australia but is simply for the defence of the British Commonwealth. The criticism of the building of the range is not justified."

The Australian Labour Party Executive passed a resolution stating that they congratulated Dr. Evatt "on the firm stand by Government against the rocket range black ban threat."

"It is an apparent propaganda of the Communists and is for the sole purpose of defeating Australia's defence policy in the interests of a foreign power,"—Reuter.

London, May 14.

Exchange Telegraph reports from Lisbon that Arthur Neive, chief of the Brazilian emigration delegation, left for Rio de Janeiro today after selecting 5,000 displaced Europeans for admission to Brazil.—United Press.

German Air Losses Over Britain, 1940

London, May 15.

The Government scaled down on Wednesday the estimates of German air losses in the battle of Britain but declared that the revised figures did not detract from the glory of the Royal Air Force victory.

Between July 10, 1940, when the action began, and October 31, 1940, when the Germans broke it off, the R.A.F. had estimated that 2,692 enemy aircraft were destroyed.

German records, the Secretary of State for Air, Philip Noel Baker, told the House of Commons showed, in fact that 2,876 enemy aircraft had been put out of action. Of that number, 1,733 were destroyed and 643 damaged.

"This retrospective correction of claims which were honestly put forward," Noel Baker declared, "does nothing to diminish the achievements or to dim the glory of the men who fought so bravely against great odds."

Noel Baker quoted a confidential letter by the Chief of the German General Staff in November 1943, declaring that the German army could not invade England until the British air arm had been defeated.

Decisive Defeat

"There was abundant confirmation of this spontaneous statement in the German records," he added, "to show that Hitler's high command recognized that the R.A.F. had inflicted a decisive defeat upon their forces."

During the opening and closing phases of the battle, when relatively small numbers of planes were engaged and the fighting was less continuous and intense, Noel Baker said, the losses actually inflicted on the enemy were higher than the numbers claimed by the R.A.F.—Associated Press.

Food To Be Rushed To Germany

Washington, May 14.

Alarmed by spreading unrest and food strikes in Western Germany, the War Department announces emergency measures to rush more than 1,200,000 tons of food into the American and British occupation zones by July 31 to meet the crisis.

The Secretary of War, Mr. Patterson, said regularly scheduled food shipments to Germany were being speeded up and increased to the maximum extent possible to cope with the situation.

The emergency measures will enable the shipment of 400,000 tons of food to the Anglo-American zone this month, another 400,000 tons in June and an even larger amount in July. Practically all deliveries will come from the United States, he added.

Cause

The Secretary said that the present shortage was caused primarily by the continent's worst winter in almost 50 years, with the resultant natural loss of almost 200,000 tons of food crops.

"This is the first time I know of in history in which the conquerors made an effort on any such scale to feed the defeated enemy," Mr. Patterson said, "and the fact that there is not actual starvation in Germany is due only to the tremendous productivity of the United States and the willingness and efforts of our Government and the British to help."—United Press.

FOOD CRISIS IN W. GERMANY

London, May 14.

Britain's five top administrators in Germany, at a two-hour conference today gave the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, an up-to-date report on the food crisis in Western Germany and their recommendations for overcoming it.

London newspapers speculated that the conference might lead Britain to send an appeal to the United States to push emergency grain shipments to Western Germany.

The Foreign Office spokesman, who attended the conference, said Mr. Bevin probably would review results in broad outline in his speech in the House of Commons on Germany and the Moscow conference. Until then, the spokesman said, nothing would be disclosed regarding the results of the meeting.

He described the German food crisis as "very gloomy" and a "difficult situation."

Most British morning newspapers briefly quoted officials in Anglo-American food headquarters in Stuttgart as attributing the crisis in part to the failure of United States food shipments to come up to Washington's promises.

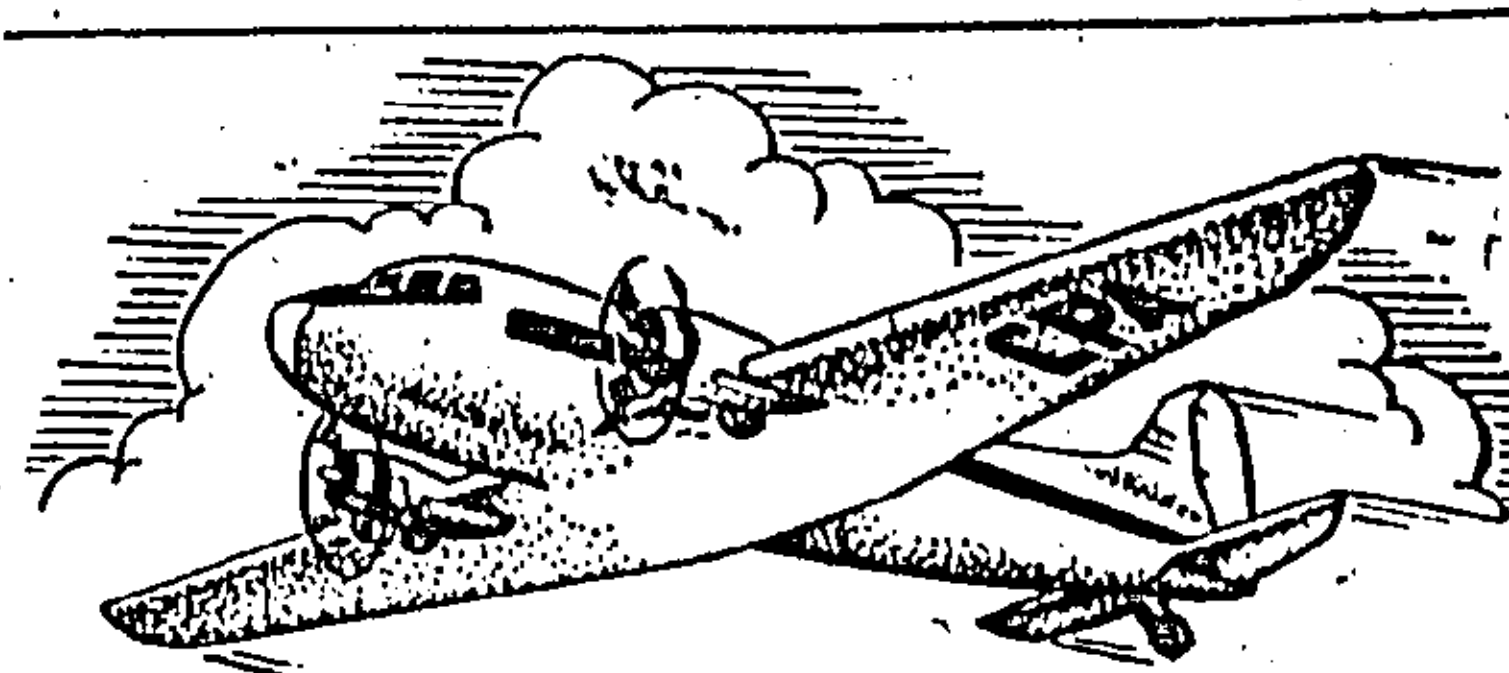
One official was quoted as saying that 70 per cent of the blame could be attached to this failure and 30 per cent to the failure of German farmers to deliver up their quota of crops.

All newspapers subordinated the Stuttgart quotations to the London conference on the food problem. Only one newspaper—the "News Chronicle"—put even a sub-headline on the dispatch and that paper ran beside it another dispatch from New York headlined: "In America: 'We were misled'."

None commented editorially. The "Daily Worker" (Communist) said rich Bavarian farmers in the American zone were feeding supplies to pigs, cattle and farm dogs, while the British zone was starving.

"And the Bavarian Government—secure in the patronage of the State Department and the Catholic Church—goes on solemnly declaring it cannot fulfill its better and other quotas for delivery to other districts of the West," the "Daily Worker's" Berlin correspondent wrote.

"Bavaria is only a particularly glaring example of what is happening everywhere in the rich rural district. That is the picture after months of Anglo-American 'bi-zonal' activity,"—United Press.



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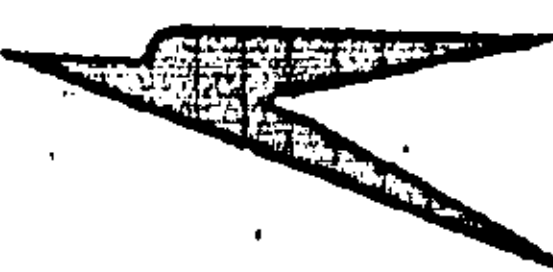
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Singapore's New Body

London, May 14.

The British Government "have given careful consideration" to the report of the Committee appointed by the Governor of Singapore in April 1946 to consider the question of a Legislative Council for the Colony of Singapore, also to the Governor's own recommendations, it was announced in the House of Commons today.

The statement was in the form of a written reply to a question by Mr. David Rees Williams, Labour Member.

In his reply, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, said that the following principal decisions have now been reached:

1. The Council will have an unofficial majority. There will be four ex-officio members and five nominated official members.

2. On the unofficial side there will be nine elected members; six of these will be elected by a popular ballot of registered voters (British subjects over the age of 21, without property or literacy stipulations).

3. For this purpose the Island of Singapore will be divided into four electoral districts, two urban districts each returning two members and two rural districts each returning one member. The remaining three elected members will be elected by the chambers of commerce.

4. In addition the Governor will have discretion to select not more than four nominated unofficial members.

The Singapore Order-in-Council of 1946 provides for a maximum of two such members, but since the communal basis for elections to the council has been rejected, it is necessary to increase this maximum in the interests of any section of the community who might otherwise have been represented inadequately or not at all.

These decisions have been published locally and the Council will have to be set up as soon as possible.—Reuter.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH RUMOURS

London, May 15.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman denied on Wednesday that Princess Elizabeth would soon move into separate town and country establishments as was reported by the "Daily Herald".

"It is all nonsense" was the official comment "that a word of truth in the report, Princess Elizabeth has no plan of separating herself from the royal family residence, and neither have the King and Queen on her behalf."

It looks like somebody is trying to make something out of nothing.

The "Herald" said that the heir presumptive, who celebrated her 21st birthday on April 21, had chosen Clarence House near St. James Palace as her new urban home and Bagshot Park House in Surrey as a country retreat.

It asserted also that any such changes in her domestic arrangements would be part of a broad plan designed by her parents to afford her greater personal independence.

The story was printed only in the first edition and withdrawn without explanation. At the same time the British Press Association's court correspondent reported that the princess had no intention of settling up an independent household—Elizabeth's coming of age festivities will mean an enlargement of her personal freedom generally and it was stated authoritatively weeks ago that her apartments in Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle would be enlarged in keeping with her new responsibilities.

All else, in the official view, is set down to what is described as an inevitable flood of rumours following the celebration of her 21st birthday.—Associated Press.

TAIWAN'S DEFENCE

Shanghai, May 14.

The security of Taiwan is of national importance and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will surely take steps to meet the situation, General Fu Tso-yi, regarded as one of the Government's most able field commanders, told reporters on arrival in Taiwan to aid in the defence of the threatened Shansi provincial capital.

He expressed confidence that the Communist attempt to capture the city would be frustrated.—Reuter.

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Korean Discussions To Begin Again

Washington, May 13.

The Secretary of State, General George Marshall, is instructing the United States commander in Korea to make immediate preparations for the reconvening of the United States-Soviet Commission at Seoul in an effort to arrive at a basis for the unification of Korea.

According to a State Department announcement tonight, Marshall notified the Soviet Foreign Minister, Molotov of this in a message given to him today by the United States Embassy in Moscow.

Marshall accepted Molotov's assurances on the Korean situation, and agreed to resume Soviet-American negotiations on May 20 aimed at the establishment of a unified provisional government for all Korea.

Marshall acknowledged Molotov's letter of May 7, in which it was confirmed that the United States and Russia had agreed on the basis on which the Commission would resume its work.

Marshall expresses pleasure that the Soviet Government had agreed to reconvening the Commission on the United States proposals, the most important of which was that the Commission should consult with all the democratic parties and organisations in Korea on the formation of a provisional Korean Government.—Reuter.

Wool Tariff Reductions Deadlock

Geneva, May 14.

The deadlock between the United States and Australia on negotiations for wool tariff reductions today forced the Australian delegate, Mr. Herbert Combs, to return home for urgent consultations.

Mr. William L. Clayton, U.S. Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, is scheduled to leave Geneva for Washington on Saturday night. An American source said Mr. Clayton, in his two-week visit, would seek Secretary of State Marshall's advice on the Australian demand for greater tariff cuts.

Meanwhile, other tariff negotiations between the Trade and Employment Conference are reported progressing better than originally expected.

The United States led in a number of tariff discussions already under way, including 11 meetings with Canada; five with the United Kingdom; two each with Brazil, Czechoslovakia, India, Norway, Lebanon and Syria; and one each with China, Cuba and the Netherlands-Belgium-Luxembourg customs union.

Brazil has held one meeting each with China, Cuba and Norway and has scheduled meetings this week with Canada, France and the United Kingdom. Chile and Cuba are scheduled to submit request lists this week to several conference participants.—United Press.

DAKOTA'S CRASH LANDING

Glasgow, May 14.

A British European Airways Dakota made a crash landing at the naval airfield near Glasgow late today.

None of the passengers were hurt and the plane was undamaged.

The pilot found a landing gear fault as he was coming in at Renfrew for a landing and circled for an hour to lighten his fuel load. He then made a successful emergency landing, using the crash gear to operate his undercarriage.—United Press.

NO ALIBIS

Paris, May 13.

Alex Jany, French freestyle swimming champion, who arrived back here today from the United States, had no alibis for his consistent defeat there by United States swimmers and the Swedish champion, Glat Olson.

"They were better than I was, that's all," he said, "I found the pools were shorter and more shallow than those I have been used to in France, which made it more difficult for my turns."—Reuter.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

Seattle, May 15.

The "Robert Broussard" arrived from Yokohama; the "Somerville" from Hongkong; Associated Press.

San Francisco, May 15. The "President Pierce" called on May 15 for Manila; Associated Press.

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Formosa via Keelung, 10 a.m.
Canton (by Train), 1.30 p.m.
Amoy, 3 p.m.
Shanghai, 3 p.m.
Manila, Tientsin and Shekai, 4 p.m.
Rizal, 4 p.m.

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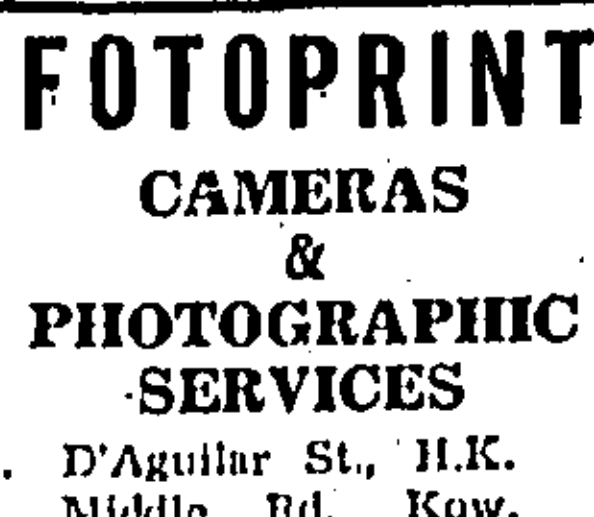
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Washington, May 14.
Washington firemen offer this explanation for a fire which burned off the cupola on an apartment building:
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London, May 15.
Intimation just made by the Admiralty is certain to conjure up many memories with old China hands. It is that H.M.S. "Hawking" is to be used as a target ship.

This veteran cruiser, after 197 years in the flagship of the China Squadron, and to this honourable record in the Far East she has added good service in the Second World War.

In her old age, she is not simply passing ignominiously to the breaker's yard. Instead, she will do still another bit towards the "humblest of humbles" for she is to be subjected to bombing experiments by naval aviators. These are to take place this month.—L. P. S.

London, May 13. — Milk roundsmen of the London Co-operative Society's eastern section today continued their unofficial strike, but union leaders were considering reports from other areas that "a small trickle back" was starting.

The main body on strike, numbering about 900, however, were still out, and the stoppage now affected some 600,000 customers.

The strike started over the weekend when 500 roundsmen refused to accept an arbitration award, which the claimants would mean, by commission adjustments, a weekly loss in some cases of 30 shillings. — Reuter.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary

12.32 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheus.

12.47 p.m.—The Ink Bottle

12.50 p.m.—New Weather Report and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.16 p.m.—Isle de Costa Memories.

1.30 p.m.—New Musical Programmes (Continued)

1.41 p.m.—Bridley (Soprano) and the Albert Sapperlin Trio.

1.50 p.m.—Chae Duwin.

2.00 p.m.—The Savoy Hotel Orpheus

2.05 p.m.—The Savoy Hotel Orpheus (Vocal).

2.46 p.m.—Marcel Palmiti at the Organ.

2.50 p.m.—Buttlin: "You Asked For It"—Variety Request Programme arranged by the Public.

3.52 p.m.—London Relay: World News.

4.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.

4.16 p.m.—London Relay: Farewell Speech by L.E. The Governor, Sir Mark Young, C.M.G.

5.25 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The Stars"

5.40 p.m.—Variety.

5.48 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Defense made the Grade."

5.53 p.m.—Blades: Two Piano Recital by the Blades Duo.

6.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

6.10 p.m.—(Dubrovsky): Romeo and Juliet—Chorus, Boston Embroidery.

6.15 p.m.—London Relay: News.

6.54 p.m.—Vera's "Alegria"—by the Principals, Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala Opera House, Milan.

7.00 p.m.—Chae Duwin.

Shanghai, May 15.

Major K. C. Wu, who is busily trying to corral demonstrating students, mined a man calling at his office who left amid hearing the title "World Leader and concurrently General-in-Chief of the world's naval, land and air forces, Gaudin-a-flug of all nations, flug of all armed forces in the world, national flag, party flag and school flag of the Whangpoo Military Academy; inventor of rail communications and electric lights in profuse; graduate of the infantry course of the 15th commencement of the Central Military Academy."

A note posted by the card of the student produced by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Madame Sun Yat-sen, President of the Republic of China, Lin Sen and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. The man's name was Wang Ching-kang or the Custodian of the Yellow Gold of the United China.

Today, the 2nd Battalion The Buffs will celebrate their regimental day, Albuñera Day.

Rome, May 14. Firemen and first aid crews recovered 20 charred bodies from the explosion-wrecked and fire-gutted Minerva Film Company by 10.45 to-night and said it was feared a "small number of victims" still remained in the debris.

The known death toll was brought to 25 by the recovery of a group of 12 blasted and burned bodies from a fourth-floor section, which had been a filing room for inflammable cellulose movie films.

Ayr, May 15.
Britain's wartime Premier, Mr. Winston Churchill, in speech accepting the freedom of Ayr today gave his nomination for a name for World I—the "Unnecessary War."
He said the late President Roosevelt asked him in 1941 what the war should be called. "I said to him I could give you a very easy reply," Churchill said. "I would call it the unnecessary war. It would have been perfectly easy to prevent Germany from rearming in 1935, and indeed up to the end of 1936, without firing a shot." Churchill also warned against "those who wish to divide this country" but even his audience

New York, May 15.

Boston defeated Chicago for the eighth straight win in nine games, 5 to 1. Red Sox hurler Joe Dobson registered his third victory of the season.

Boston scored five runs in the first three innings including three in the third when, after two men were walked, they got three runs on a single by outfielder Jim Dinnage, and a run by Cubbertson and catcher Hal Wagner.

The St. Louis and New York and Cleveland-Philadelphia games were postponed because of rain.

In the National League, Cincinnati defeated Brooklyn 4 to 1. A home run off by Brooklyn, hit a homer which helped defeat the Dodgers 2 to 0. Another Red run was added by Bert Hays, former Brooklyn property, who doubled then scored on a fly and put out.

New York trailed for six out-

Shanghai, May 15. In the last of their series of matches, the Hong Kong Inter-
port footballers today took part
in a combined Hong Kong and
Shanghai Chinese side against
a Hong Kong and Shanghai
foreigners team.

The Chinese players, of which
seven were from Hong Kong,
won the tussle by three goals
to two after leading two-one
at half time.

For the Shanghai-Hong Kong
foreigners, four of the southern
port's interporters took part in
the game.—Reuter

Baarn (Holland), May 14.
 Spain's A. Pomar today lost the
 adjourned fifth round of the chess
 match to Belgian P. de Vos, but
 defeated G. van Doornburgh of
 Holland in Group C of the sixth
 round of the international chess
 tourney.
 Results of other fifth round
 matches adjourned from yester-
 day were:—H. Golombek of Eng-
 land defeated L. Prins of Holland;
 V. Soutabieff of Belgium tied
 H. H. Grob of Switzerland; H.
 Wool of England defeated H.
 Doerner of Luxembourg; H.
 Kramer of Holland tied with G.
 Maroczy of Hungary.
 Results of the sixth round
 matches were: Group A—P. de
 Vos (Belgium) defeated A. Vin-
 ken (Holland); G. Maroczy (Hun-
 gary) tied with H. Grob (Switzer-
 land); Thomas (England); C. Vlagem-
 (Holland) tied with H. Kramer
 (Holland). Group B—H. Grob
 (Switzerland) defeated Dr. G.
 Fontain (Holland); L. Prins
 (Holland) defeated V. Soutabieff
 (Belgium); Dr. L. Stemper
 (Holland) tied H. Golombek
 (England); X. Tarkenton
 (France) defeated Dr. H. van
 Steenis (Holland). Group C—H.
 Wood (England) defeated Snow-
 sko, Borowski (France); Dr. E.
 Panjaard (Holland) defeated C.
 Doerner (Luxembourg); F. In-
 nerberg (Holland) defeated F. van
 der Horst (Holland); Dr. de Jong
 (Holland) tied with A. Dunkel-
 blum (Belgium).—United Press.

Newmarket, May 15—
Blue Train, the King's Derby
candidate, won the mile and a
quarter £1,000 added Newmarket
stakes by four lengths on Wednes-
day, while Princess Elizabeth
cheered from the stands.
Blue Train has the 2 11 odds
on favourite in a field of seven.
His triumph gave England's
champion jockey Gordon Richards
his second successive victory of
the day.

Major Harold Cazyzer's 20 to 1
Major White Horse was second
and Lord Rosburgh's Count de
Leon, also 20 to 1 in pre-race bet-
ting, was third by three lengths.

Blue Train has been second
choice of Derby bettors at 7 to 1.
The heavy favourite for the great
race is Tudor Minstrel at 5 to 4.

The following will represent the K.C.C. in a friendly game against the I.R.C. at 3.15 p.m. on Sunday at the K.G.C.:

W.J. Howard, W.G. Labrum, C. Downman, E.C. Goodwin (Skip), H. Collins, L.P. Eastham, T. Lock, M.N. Rakuten (Skip), W.C. Hung, D. Hunt, J. Orm, E.C. Fincher (Skip), J. Chubb, J. Stevens, A.E. Quest, Joe Fraser (Skip).

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them are the bones of the staffed?

They are devoted slogans demanding an increase of living allowance and supporting the petitions made by the Central University professors for educational improvement.—Reuter.

Shanghai Strike

Shanghai, May 15.

While the labour front continued quiet today, the strike wave among students spread to three universities with some 6,000 students staying away from classes in support of their demands for reforms in the examination system and increased government subsidies to schools.

Scarborough, May 14.
The cancerous aftermath of a war-scarred country was brought home to an audience of reform school principals today when the juvenile delinquent worker, Miss Margery Fry, declared that children who came through the blitz physically unscathed might be difficult subjects to deal with as they grow up.

London, May 14.

Soviet Ambassador George Zarubin said on Tuesday that Anglo-Soviet friendship would be strengthened "despite any intrigues of the reactionary forces who attempt to undermine this friendship."

Zarubin spoke at a public ceremony in the Soviet Embassy, after receiving a \$15,000 cheque from the wartime Joint Committee for Soviet Aid.

The presentation, the last planned before the committee

Moscow, May 15.
Commenting on last Saturday's football match between Great Britain and the Rest of Europe, "Pravda" says that Britain "gained a cheap victory over a weak opponent."
The commentator said that the Rest of Europe team was made up of players of Sweden and Denmark, cannot lay "any special claim" to football supremacy, is conscious with other nations. The victory, "Pravda" asserted, "will bring no glory to British football."
Associated Press.

Gold yesterday fluctuated between \$201.75 and \$204 a tael. It opened at \$263 and closed at the same rate. Trading was limited.

Pinetree dropped to \$12.40 a 100 shortly after opening at \$12.57 but recovered and rose to \$12.77. At the close it was \$12.95.

Chinese National Currency was weaker. Futures dropped to 14 cents shortly after opening at 15½ cents and closed slightly better at 14½ cents (for CN\$1,000). Spot opened at 20 cents and closed at 19½ cents.

U.S. dollars were steady at \$4.64. Sterling weakened to \$14.25; and Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.52.

Dublin, May 14.
Mr. Y. K. Kilpatrick's Grand
Weather, starting at three to one
won the Irish Two Thousand
Guinea run over one mile at Cur-
ragh here to-day.
Grand Weather, who is by Das-
tur out of Morning Dew, beat
Sans Tache, five to two second
favourite, by five lengths, with
the only English challenger, placed
to four favourite: After Midnight,
a surcher two and a half lengths
away.
There were eight starters and
the winner was ridden by Tommy
Harris—Bouler.

London, May 15.
Results of football games played today were:
Division 2, Bradford 1 Manchester City 1.
Division 3, Northern: Accrington 1 York City 2.
Because of the Government ban on mid-week matches, special sanction of the Football League and the County associations concerned was required to play the two games.
Hurry League: Leeds 16 Barrow 13. Reuter.

and K.C.O. in a friendly game against the I.R.C. at 3.15 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.

W. Howie, W.G. Labrum, C. Downman, F.C. Goodwin (Skip), H. G.Hill, L.G. Eastman, T. Lock, M.N. Rakuzen (Skip), W.C. Hung, D. Hung, J. Orem, E.C. Fletcher (Skip).

J. Chubb, J. Stevens, A.E.T. Quist, Joe Fraser (Skip).

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